

## **REMARKS**

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance.

### **I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS**

Claims 29-31, 37-44, 47, 51-53 are currently pending. Claims 1-28, 32-36, 45, 46, 48-50 and 54-56 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. No new matter has been introduced. Changes to the claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

### **II. DISCUSSION**

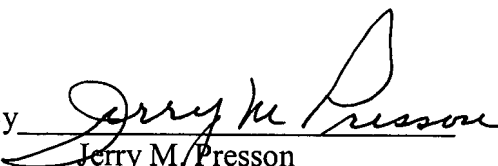
The present amendment is made to present all of the allowed claims, and thus, place the application in condition for allowance. The Office Action indicated that claims 36-43, 46-50 and 51-53 would be patentable if presented in independent form. By this amendment, Applicants have amended claim 29 to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 36 and all intervening claims. Claim 44 has been rewritten to incorporate allowable claim 46 and intervening claim 45. Claim 47 has been rewritten to incorporate claim 44 and allowable claim 50, including intervening claims 48 and 49.

Therefore all pending claims are allowable.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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